

For **VOLUNTARY** reporting of  
adverse events and product problemsForm Approved: OMB No. 0910-0291 Expires: 04/30/03  
See OMB statement on reverse**MEDWATCH**The FDA Safety Information and  
Adverse Event Reporting Program

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FDA Use Only

Triage unit  
sequence #**A. Patient information**

1. Patient identifier	2. Age at time of event: or _____ Date of birth: _____	3. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/> male	4. Weight _____ lbs or _____ kgs
In confidence			

**B. Adverse event or product problem**1. ☐ Adverse event and/or ☐ Product problem (e.g., defects/malfunctions)2. Outcomes attributed to adverse event  
(check all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> death _____<br>(mo/day/yr)             | <input type="checkbox"/> disability   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> life-threatening                       | <input type="checkbox"/> congenital anomaly   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hospitalization - initial or prolonged | <input type="checkbox"/> required intervention to prevent permanent impairment/damage |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____   |

3. Date of event  
(mo/day/yr)4. Date of this report  
(mo/day/yr)

5. Describe event or problem

6. Relevant tests/laboratory data, including dates

7. Other relevant history, including preexisting medical conditions (e.g., allergies, race, pregnancy, smoking and alcohol use, hepatic/renal dysfunction, etc.)

**C. Suspect medication(s)**

1. Name (give labeled strength &amp; mfr/labeler, if known)

#1

#2

2. Dose, frequency &amp; route used

#1

#2

3. Therapy dates (if unknown, give duration  
from/to (or best estimate))

#1

#2

4. Diagnosis for use (indication)

#1

#2

5. Event abated after use  
stopped or dose reduced#1 ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ doesn't apply#2 ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ doesn't apply

6. Lot # (if known)

#1

#2

7. Exp. date (if known)

#1

#2

8. Event reappeared after  
reintroduction#1 ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ doesn't apply#2 ☐ yes ☐ no ☐ doesn't apply

9. NDC # (for product problems only)

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10. Concomitant medical products and therapy dates (exclude treatment of event)

**D. Suspect medical device**

1. Brand name

2. Type of device

3. Manufacturer name &amp; address

4. Operator of device

- ☐
- health professional
- 
- ☐
- lay user/patient
- 
- ☐
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

6.

model # \_\_\_\_\_

catalog # \_\_\_\_\_

serial # \_\_\_\_\_

lot # \_\_\_\_\_

other # \_\_\_\_\_

5. Expiration date  
(mo/day/yr)7. If implanted, give date  
(mo/day/yr)8. If explanted, give date  
(mo/day/yr)

9. Device available for evaluation? (Do not send to FDA)

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ returned to manufacturer on \_\_\_\_\_  
(mo/day/yr)

10. Concomitant medical products and therapy dates (exclude treatment of event)

**E. Reporter (see confidentiality section on back)**

1. Name &amp; address

phone #

2. Health professional?

☐ yes ☐ no

3. Occupation

4. Also reported to

- ☐
- manufacturer
- 
- ☐
- user facility
- 
- ☐
- distributor

5. If you do NOT want your identity disclosed to  
the manufacturer, place an " X " in this box. ☐

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Rockville, MD 20852-9787or FAX to:  
1-800-FDA-0178

# ADVICE ABOUT VOLUNTARY REPORTING

## Report adverse experiences with:

- medications (drugs or biologics)
- medical devices (including in-vitro diagnostics)
- special nutritional products (dietary supplements, medical foods, infant formulas)
- cosmetics
- medication errors

## Report product problems – quality, performance or safety concerns such as:

- suspected contamination
- questionable stability
- defective components
- poor packaging or labeling
- therapeutic failures

## Report **SERIOUS** adverse events. An event is serious when the patient outcome is:

- death
- life-threatening (real risk of dying)
- hospitalization (initial or prolonged)
- disability (significant, persistent or permanent)
- congenital anomaly
- required intervention to prevent permanent impairment or damage

## Report even if:

- you're not certain the product caused the event
- you don't have all the details

## How to report:

- just fill in the sections that apply to your report
- use section C for all products except medical devices
- attach additional blank pages if needed
- use a separate form for each patient
- report either to FDA or the manufacturer (or both)

**Confidentiality:** The patient's identity is held in strict confidence by FDA and protected to the fullest extent of the law. FDA will not disclose the reporter's identity in response to a request from the public, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The reporter's identity, including the identity of a self-reporter, may be shared with the manufacturer unless requested otherwise.

**If your report involves a serious adverse event with a device** and it occurred in a facility outside a doctor's office, that facility may be legally required to report to FDA and/or the manufacturer. Please notify the person in that facility who would handle such reporting.

## Important numbers:

- 1-800-FDA-0178 to FAX report
- 1-800-FDA-1088 to report by phone or for more information
- 1-800-822-7967 for a VAERS form for vaccines

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<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/>

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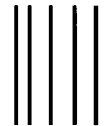
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